

Remarks

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 have been amended to satisfy objections raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7 have been reformatted in paragraph form to ease readability.

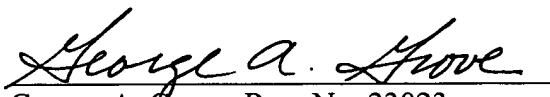
Claim 1 has been amended to clearly distinguish between the connecting member head and shank portions and the driving member head and shank. Claim 2 has been amended to clearly distinguish between the shell member head and shank portions and the driving member head and shank. Claim 4 has been amended to distinguish between the connection screw head and shank portions and the driving screw head and shank.

Claims 5 and 8 have been amended to more clearly specify the further limitation (self tapping) on the external thread of the connection screw.

Claim 7 has been amended to avoid the double inclusion of "torque transmitting sleeve."

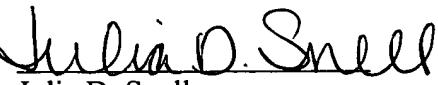
It is believed that these amendments have corrected the bases for the Examiner's objections to claims 1-8 in this application. There were no other objections or rejections. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-8 be allowed and this case passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,


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